

EDITORIAL

Class goes a long way

Class, it would be accurate to say, is an acquired state of being, which symbolizes a certain polish, poise, confidence and long lasting flair a person may possess.

Classic, that never goes out of style, as in a classic car. Although, they're only 10 years old, they're built in workmanship and classic and just as good as any 1999 model. The same can be said about classic dressing — a style that never goes out of style. The classic white shirt, a camel hair coat, loafers, tailored trousers, you get the point. Designer Calvin Klein has made a fortune on designing clean and simple classic lines. Even a classic tune, what about "Unforgettable" by Nat King Cole? It's come and still sounds just as good today as it did when he recorded it.

Classy, this would suggest being in a class by itself — a swank restaurant, a showcase home, an emerald shaped diamond ring. The best of the best.

The Little Rock Nine were the students who integrated the segregated school system in Arkansas in 1957 and demonstrated an unwavering sense of class, poise and white supremacy. Those students had to be riddled by fear. But from within them emerged confidence and poise — class. Malcolm X was as classy as he ever wanted to be, and he profoundly vocalized during the volatile '60s what many Negroes could only dream of saying to the white establishment. This, too, is true. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "I have a dream," without our love and class. As black Americans, we're in a class by ourselves, and need to be mindful of this. We're not going out of style, we create style. We have a rich tradition and if others are to recognize and respect this then we need to represent it. Best.

The truth about the educational system

By Conrad W. Worrill

Throughout most of our lives, African people in America have been told if you get a good education you can get a good job. African people in Africa and some countries similar, if you get a good education your condition in life will improve.

In the early part of the 20th Century until the late 1960's and early 70's the thrust was to encourage African people in America to at least get a high school education so they could be eligible for a job in a significant segment of the work force.

The explosion of the 1960's Civil Rights and Black Power Movements forced colleges and universities to admit African Americans to their campuses while colleges and universities in large numbers.

Today, African people in America are encouraged to get a college education so they can get a good job. The educational market has been saturated to the extent that high school diplomas of the 1930's, 40's, 50's and 60's, in most instances, only have the same meaning as a college degree.

The meaning is one of a college degree qualifying people for entry-level jobs in the U.S. labor market, except that in most cases people have been trained in specialized fields at the undergraduate level.

What we hear repeatedly today is that we must concentrate on African people in America, reading, writing and making them fit at the elementary and secondary levels to the extent for the jobs that will be available in U.S. multinational corporations in the 21st Century, driven by the world of technology and computers.

Many of our ancestors in the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries were concerned about the issue of education. They had asked the question: education for what? It is quite clear that the major direction of U.S. educational policy has been to train and educate African people to work for white people. This is to teach them to read, write and do what they will be expected to work for us.

In a paper written by Dr. Carruthers several years ago titled, "Black Intellectuals and The Crisis in Black Education," he observed, "When the African slave system was destroyed by the Civil War, one of the first acts of the victors was to provide for Black schooling on a wide scale.

The Northern industrialists through their philanthropic ultra-egos, began funding and establishing Black colleges. These colleges were intended to sit atop a Negro education system.

Further, Dr. Carruthers wrote that "By the turn of the century, even southern whites were making use of this Negro education system to facilitate transition from the old chattel to a new, but equally effective, system of Black exploitation."

Carruthers explains: "The new system depended upon the cultivation of a Black elite to serve as examples for the masses of Blacks and to

demonstrate the rewards of obedience."

The educated Black elite, Carruthers points out, "demonstrated time and time again their ability to do what was asked of them."

Eventually, a few of them were invited to manage the segregated colleges that were established to train Black teachers. In this manner, a small, educated Negro elite became overseers of the educational affairs of millions of Black people.

This model of education, that continues today, was established by so-called leading white educators in this country who met at Lake Mohonk, New York (a resort area) on June 4-6, 1890, and June 3-5, 1891 to read and discuss papers on what they officially called the "Negro Question."

Again, Dr. Carruthers writes that at the end of the second conference "they had decided that the primary things that Blacks had been taught were the dignity of labor, the working for white folks."

African people in the United States have a rich tradition of leaders who have taken issue with the white conceptualization of the mission of education of African people in America. Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, H. Highland, Garner, Henry McNeal Turner, Dr. R. Delany and Edward Wilton Blyden were nineteenth-century advocates that the education of African people should be designed to assist us in doing for ourselves.

For the 20th century, leaders such as Martin, Carter, G. Woodson, Elijah Muhammad and Malcolm X, all spoke and wrote consistently about the need for African people to develop an education program and develop African people to be able to think and act on their own.

In other words, we are still challenged today to create an educational climate that inspires African youth in America to understand that the purpose of education is to develop the skills and knowledge to serve the past as it relates to the present and future in preparation for working for self and the liberation of African people.

This is the challenge of the 21st Century — to defeat the 100-year tradition established by white educationists who created curriculum for African people to teach them to prepare them to work for white folks.

Our esteemed ancestor Dr. John Henrik Clarke reminded us repeatedly that "history is the clock that people use to tell the political and cultural time." He also clearly told them to use to find their place in the map of human geography. The role of history in the final analysis is to tell a people where they have been and what they have been, where they are and what they are. Most importantly, he said, history is the place where they still must go and where they still must be. To me the relationship of a people to their history is the same as the relationship of a child to its mother." The purpose of education must always be "for us to do for self."

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OPINION

It's time to reconnect with Africa

By James Clappman
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of Commerce

As I read an article in Black Enterprise magazine recently which discussed the potential for African-American business relationships in Africa, I thought about the many ironies of this continent. Though it's rich in minerals, diamonds and other natural resources, it is populated and owned by Black people just stinging the world to come back and take care of business.

I also thought about the tremendous collective potential of Black America's \$5 trillion "intelligent capital," which George Frasure discussed in his book, "Success Runs In Our Roots."

Africa's rich natural resources juxtaposes beside 40 million African Americans — the best-educated in his country — a powerful concept. Yet, it's dominant for the most part untrained and under-utilized by both sides of the Atlantic.

I am reminded of Dr. Morris Jeffs, who was in Cincinnati recently. He described a present-day Africa that is waiting for African Americans to return to Africa to give back to the continent our new-found knowledge, and to our ability to teach Africans how to develop businesses, retrieve natural resources and take advantage of the world's economy.

That Jeff put forth the possibility that we could return to Africa from the shores of Africa and bring to this country, despite our tremendous hardships (or, as some might call it, sacrifice) the ultimate purpose could have been for us to learn the ways of a new and changing world. Maybe we can do all the good after gaining all of the knowledge we have today, are supposed to return to the Motherland and help develop it.

Currently, there are countries in Africa that are waiting for us to evaluate.

The groundwork has been done, the foundation established, and the resources available. So, what are we waiting for?

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Notes from a new Maine intellectual

By Carolyn Bennett

A few weeks away from writing and I forget who I am.

The license plate on my 1999 Buick Skylane says, "Writer." Now that I'm a university teacher — staring over again — what tops the list of my concerns? I'm not sure.

For the 20th century, writers such as Martin, Carter, G. Woodson, Elijah Muhammad and Malcolm X, all spoke and wrote consistently about the need for African people to develop an education program and develop African people to be able to think and act on their own.

While these require writing, it's not the same as column writing. My column keeps me in touch with my other, mental, emotional and spiritual gray cells. It's past time for me to learn what's happened in these weeks of heat. NATO bombs stopped falling on Belgrade, peacekeepers entered Pristina and, today, Serbian farmers lay dead after a massacre some say was committed by ethnic Albanians. Commander Eileen Collins set a record by becoming the first woman to fly in space. The first American space mission thirty years after America's first space flight. And the press give more space to the thirty-year history of space flight than to its history — a current event.

As I write this, I'm still in the middle of reading *White Like Us* by James W. Loewen. The other part is this: I came here to write. I didn't come here on my way to somewhere else.

And why did I come? Mairns asks me that a lot. Why would a person different in color and united to family come all the way here, — from there?

This is the place, they seem to be. I guess I never got this "their" and "we" thing. I was part of the "them" that made it here.

The old timers from away say, "You'll never make friends with Mairns." I guess that's what they are afraid of — afraid that if I (newcomer) from away do make friends, all their trying to be "white like us" will fail.

They'll never have paid off, and they'll still be on the outside looking in — and feeling unloved and unaccepted by the natives.

I like the land. I'm learning the people. And this second summer I joined some of the old timers and summer. There is something basic in the newcomers that is also in me. They work hard, and they work for themselves more than they have done.

And while none of the similarities I feel with Mairns make me a native Mainer, my sense of essential similarities goes a long way toward making me feel comfortable, at home, and in harmony here — whether or not I know the people, personally.

I haven't found any liberals, either — though many of the academics can themselves "liberal." Guess I've been looking for their bitters, the progress-

The real hallmarks of cultural superiority

By Akwasi Evans

After watching his son-in-law being lowered into the ground, Jim Kelley was interviewed by the media. Kelley is the father-in-law of former Northwestern University basketball coach, Ricky Byrdson. Byrdson was honored on July 11, 1998, as a white supremacist who was on a racial killing spree over the 4th of July weekend.

Kelley was a member of the World Church of the Creator, a white supremacist organization that teaches followers that God has changed his mind about who his chosen people are and that we are the chosen ones, the "slaves that were sacrificed for the good of the collective and of the continent."

Malcolm and others in our history have said many times that without sacrifice there can be no progress.

My ancestors made that ultimate sacrifice, and millions died in the process, but it would not be a suitable and reciprocal gesture on our parts to reconnect, now that we are educated, separated is dead and the global economy is in place.

The concept of African Americans reconnecting with Africa is awesome. Were we able to get past the pentes and do what our ancestors would have us do — work cooperatively — we could make the greatest connection of all in the 21st century.

But we have to make sure that we are not like the ancestors of our forefathers.

Well, because Byrdson's family belongs to a superior culture that believes it needs instead of taking advantage of others. We are the owners and masters of our own culture and that is one of the reasons why we are superior to the others.

For as long as white folks have been here, they have been trying to rule the Western Hemisphere. Ever since white Americans started importing African slaves, they have treated Black people like sub-humans who could be manipulated and mistreated at the whim of even the most unscrupulous white person.

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deceit and destruction, proclaiming themselves superior. It is the height of irony for fear-ridden cowards to claim to cultural supremacy.

African Americans, as a whole, do not consider themselves culturally superior to anyone else. We recognize that God has granted us many personal and professional strengths in many areas.

When Kelley was interviewed by the press about his son-in-law, he was teaching his people to observe and objectify the actions of white people toward other cultures, Africans in particular. There is no room for racism, sexism, homophobia, white American's historical and ongoing actions, toward blacks that deviate from the basis of ethnicity.

When it comes to superiority one fact seems most salient, and that is love is superior to hate. Good is superior to bad. Superior people display their presence through courage and humility.

The genetic acts of weak-minded white Americans is a testament to their desire and destiny, and will reap what they sow. The reality is that there is no such thing as cultural superiority. There is only individual superiority and that is displayed through humility, not arrogance.

Michael Jordan never said he was the best basketball player in the world, his game did. Smith never said he was a chicken-hearted little coward, his murderous acts did.

When I was young, I was taught that those who do, say and do what they say, don't do. People who are culturally superior don't preach hate; they practice it.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

BASKING RIDGE — The Black Executive Network Planning Committee will hold their conference at the LeMoyne Hotel, Call (770) 578-5005 for time and information.

BOSTON — The United States Department of Commerce hosts its annual New England Minority Enterprise Development Celebration at Anthony's Pier Four, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. 656-6550.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

WASHINGTON — The Mobil African American Women on Tour conference hits the nation's capital with a seminar on investment options at the Omni Shoreham through Aug. 22. Call (410) 550-5497 (2298) for time and information.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

ATLANTA — The Mobil African American Woman on Tour conference series comes to the Atlanta with a seminar on investing at the Atlanta Hilton and Towers, Call (404) 560-4497 (2298) for time and information.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

ATLANTA CITY — The Atlantic City Convention and Visitors Authority hosts the Distribution Computer Expo '99 at the Atlantic City Convention Center, Call (609) 338-4121.

CHICAGO — U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) hosts the Thirteenth Annual Entrepreneur Women's Conference at Navy Pier, 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (619) 542-1800 for more information.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

ATLANTA CITY — The Atlantic City Convention and Visitors Authority hosts the Action Sports Trade Expo at the Atlantic City Convention Center.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

ATLANTA CITY — The National Minority Supplier Development Council hosts EXPO Opportunity '99 at the Tropicana Resort & Casino, Call (215) 893-6977 for time and information.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

IRVINGTON — New Garden State Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ of the State of New Jersey presents Hurricane Relief Concert at the Pentecostal Church through Aug. 15. Call (973) 399-7000 for time and information.

BELLEVILLE — Christian Episcopal Church hosts a AA meeting for recovering alcoholics. 7:30 p.m. (973) 751-0816.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

PLAINFIELD — St. Mary's P.C. Church will hold evening mass for all ages. 5 p.m. (908) 756-0085.

Witnessing the black presence in the Bible

By Paula W. Matabane, Ph.D.

Too many people think there are no Africans or black people in the Bible.

I hear African Americans turning off the radio, saying, "It's the white man's religion." They say that because, for so long, we saw nothing but pictures of white people in our Bibles and Sunday School books.

After being exposed to the truth, I decided to work on a film and unearth ancient black biblical history. I never wanted to live far from Christianity's most sacred place, because I thought it was a white country where Jews and Arabs fought each other all the time. I was really shocked to find so much black history and people there!

The film takes people on location, back to the time of the nation started. We set out to discover who the other people in the story were. What did they look like? How did they live?

To answer these questions, and in a sincere effort to be authentic and as historical accurate as possible, I took a film crew and some historical scholars to Israel to make this film.

Every Muslim strives to make at least one trip to Mecca so that he or she can make a personal connection to that religion.

When we Christians talk about a personal relationship with Jesus, but stay physically disconnected from the Holy Land.

I made this film because I think all Christians ought to make the trip if they can. In doing so, they will see that land with their own eyes, and it will change its multi-ethnic shape. The Bibles and books we rely so heavily on have often misinformed us into believing that there was no black presence in the Bible. We are usually written out of the story, and so we do appear, typically it's a side note!

If you go to Israel today, you will see living proof that people of African descent were a very significant part of biblical history! They lived there before Jesus, during Jesus' time.

There are Christians in big numbers, not just as recent immigrants but as part of ancient old communities like the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, one of the oldest Christian churches in the world. Members have a chapel at the oldest and most holy Christian church in Jerusalem — the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

During the trip, I got so excited seeing who and what Jesus saw. On one occasion, we went down to the Gaza road, despite political unrest at the time, because that road leads to Africa. The road was paved, but the people on it were the Ethiopians finance minister was baptized in the book of Acts.

Christianity is not the "white man's religion" in its origins. A very diverse and multi-ethnic community is at its core. "It's more, black people were a significant if not leading part of that foundation."

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Religion

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St. Thomas Episcopal Carnival sparks Westside community

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

RED BANK — Thanks to St. Thomas Episcopal Church and its volunteers the Westside played host to the annual St. Thomas' carnival and Fun Festival held at Count Basie Park on Aug. 5.

The annual event, which is garnering support and momentum is just what the Westside needed to revitalized the spirit of our community. The brainchild of carnival chairperson Clinton Crocker, Jr., the event presents the best of nostalgia — cotton candy, games, rides, stuffed animals, food vendors and fun, fun, fun, especially for the kids.

"A lot of things are lacking in our community and outreach into the community. A carnival in this area especially on the Westside was a way of looking to accelerate that energy," said Crocker. "We've received quite a bit of support."

The Needham churches like St. Leo in Lincoln, which has been operating a successful carnival for years, lean St. Thomas support in walking the church through the whole process of running a carnival. While volunteers, all clad in matching t-shirts, with some traveling as far as from Kentucky to lend a helping hand.

"It was a success not just for us," said Father Terrence Roshevuel, who is Rector of St. Thomas. "But what it did for the community, people from all ethnicities young and old, in all between. What I loved watching were the mothers with their strollers."

Last year's crowd was estimated at 16,000, but this year's numbers very well could surpass those once the final count is in.

"A carnival is something that takes a few years to build," said Father Roshevuel. And judging from the buzz in the air — it's catching on in a big way.

Although, the event basically began last year. A marginal profit is expected to be made from this year's event. And according to Roshevuel and Crocker the eventual intention is to put the profits back into the community.

"Our intention is to support community charities," said Father Roshevuel.

"Last year we kind of broke even. This year we didn't need as many police officers, and we didn't have to buy as many T-shirts."

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church is leading the way in the community. Besides the success of the carnival, this church is active in stimulating the youth.

"Black people have very few institutions they control," said Father Roshevuel. "And the church provides leadership."

"St. Thomas has reactivated a Boys Scout Troop, which traveled to Upper New York for one week, the day after the carnival ended. The

church along with the Boys Scouts of America provided all the necessary funds for the boys to attend. The church and the troop has provided struggling single mothers with an

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opportunity to expand the horizons for their sons. Exposure is key to cultivating the minds of the young and St. Thomas is doing just that.

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Rev. Dean Henry, Middletown; Father Terrence Roshevuel, Rector St. Thomas; Red Masson, Metuchen.

which provides meals for the needy — St. Thomas Episcopal is an asset to the community.

NAACP, Wal-Mart honor Bishop



NEW YORK — Coleman M. Peterson (left), senior vice president of the People's Division of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., presents a lifetime achievement award to Bishop W.C. Walker of the AME Zion Church following his stirring keynote address at the NAACP Religious Leaders Luncheon during the association's convention in New York City. Bishop Walker, the presiding prelate of the Northeastern Episcopal District, called on religious leaders to strengthen their resolve to improve the quality of life in local communities. In addition sponsoring the luncheon, Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer and a leading employer of African Americans, participated in the NAACP annual commerce and industry show and in a two-day job and career fair.

Loan would keep Catholic school in Burlington City

BURLINGTON CITY (AP) — School bells may ring in September at a once historic Catholic school that may be saved from closing by a loan and donations from the community.

At St. Mary Hall Academy

Doane Academy announced Thursday night that a possible government loan would help to pay the school's bills and open for the new school year. The 16-year-old school said Tuesday it was closing.

"It hasn't sunk in yet, except that tonight I'll sleep," board of trustees President Harry Van Stever said after a two-hour closed emergency meeting. "We didn't like closing this place down."

State Sen. Diane Allen (R-Burlington), along with Burlington County Freeholder Donald Philip Coulombe, offered to loan \$250,000 low-interest loan from state economic development funds earmarked for revitalizing the Route 130 corridor. Haines said the school qualifies for the public grant even

though it is a private institution. Last year, 145 students attended the school, where tuition and fees would cost nearly \$7,000. The loan requires state approval and the request is under review, officials said.

The school is seeking donations from other foundations, foundations and individuals, according to posters.

"There are certainly millions of hope that weren't there Tuesday," said headmaster Donald Saunders. "We feel hopeful and we are not about to give up on the kids. That's what there is."

It was founded in 1873 as a boarding school for girls. It may have served as a stop on the Underground Railroad, providing a safe haven for slaves escaping to the North. The school is the alma mater of President Ulysses S. Grant's two daughters and the pair of the firsts of our community's "more than just a private school," Haines said. Janet Covington claimed her heart condition was close.

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Countdown to 2000

Important Community Announcement

CITYNET 2000

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

— Declaration of Independence

Having celebrated the last Fourth of July of the 20th century, we encourage the citizens of New Jersey, particularly those in black and urban communities, to take a stand for the betterment of our communities by proclaiming our independence from those things that have kept us from reaching our full potential.

We invite you to join with communities across our great state as we sow the seeds of freedom and justice now, to reap a great harvest for ourselves and most importantly for our children. This joint venture for our freedom is CityNet, an initiative of City News Publishing Company.

CITYNET is a deliberate and sustained initiative to build and unite New Jersey's black and urban communities. The three primary objectives are to foster, encourage, and support the broad-based exchange of information, to create and produce a comprehensive array of inclusive statewide programs, and to publicly recognize all levels of achievement, both individual and collective.

By joining together all segments of our state's population in this new initiative, we believe that renewing our efforts for educational excellence, better employment opportunities, healthy lifestyles, affordable quality housing, spiritual renewal, economic development and civic pride, among other concerns, are achievable goals.

From Paterson to Camden, CityNet will serve as the community center which unites the gospel of the church with the reformation of the education system; the voting drives in the political arena to the accumulation of wealth in urban communities. CityNet will reflect the spirit of the city and the people and forces that keep that spirit alive.

Join us in declaring our independence and celebrate the struggles of our ancestors by proclaiming a new vision of the future.

Just sign your name to be published in City News as your commitment to our collective efforts in helping our black and urban communities grow and prosper in the new millennium.

I declare my commitment to the growth and development of our black and urban communities in the new millennium.

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Local Briefs

Animation festival hits the Jersey Shore and benefits Asbury Park Center.

LONG BRIDGE, NJ — The third largest animation film festi- val on the Jersey Shore is coming. Animation fans can join in the fun at The Old Pueblo Shore Thing Animation Festival on August 16 and 17 at Loews SONY Theaters, Monmouth Mall. The festival will feature more than 50 original ani- mated works, including short films, a Grand Award nominated film as well as award-films from the Sundance and Sundance film festivals. In addition, four renowned animators, who have worked on projects for Disney, Pixar, Disney and the Simpson, will be on hand to deliver lectures about animation, art and the industry. Proceeds will benefit The Center in Asbury Park, which helps those with AIDS and H.I.V. with meals, housing and other essentials, and the Monmouth County Arts Council, which fosters access to and appreciation of the arts in central New Jersey. Loews SONY Theaters, Monmouth Mall is located off exit 105 of New Jersey's Garden State Parkway at the intersections of Routes 35 and 36. Tickets are on sale at Monmouth Mall Customer Service Center (entrance near Zany Brainy). For more information on this event, call 723-544-0333 or visit www.shoefest.org.

Crime stats plummet for a second year in Elizabeth

ELIZABETH — Mayor Chris Bollwage recently announced that overall crime dropped an additional 10 percent in the second quarter of this year, making this the fifth straight quarter that crime has decreased in Elizabeth. The latest drop follows a first-quarter plunge in crime of 25 percent. The latest statistics, released by the Elizabeth Police Department for April-June of this year, show an overall reduction in reported crime incidents from 3,549 to 2,893—a 19 percent decrease. "The statistics demonstrate the great strides made in police department, but if you are a crime victim these statistics provide little comfort," Bollwage said. "We are going to continue to crack down on crime and send the message to citizens that they are not welcome in Elizabeth." Mayor Bollwage has hired 75 police officers over the past six years, putting more police on City streets than ever before. Mayor Bollwage and Police Director James Cosgrove have created an additional manpower to create the Quality of Life taskforce to address community ranging from narcotics, prostitution, public drinking, noise complaints and other crimes in progress.

New Jersey Nets active in off season co-sponsor summer reading club

EAST RUTHERFORD — The New Jersey Nets and Governor will team up this summer with the New Jersey Library Association (NJLA) to sponsor summer reading clubs in Bergen, Essex, Passaic, Hudson and Union counties. Louis Bar Library in East Rutherford will be one of the 80 New Jersey libraries participating in the Summer Reading Program, which will run from July through August.

"We are very pleased to be involved in the Summer Reading Program," said Nets President Michael Roth. "The Nets have been a very active participant in the NJLA's reading initiatives during the season, and we feel that this particular program allows the Nets to maintain our commitment in the off-season as well."

Every student who enrolls in the reading program will receive a Nets bookmark. Prizes such as backpacks, hats, and pennants will be awarded to children based on the number of books they devote to reading. Participating libraries will also have a chance to win Nets game tickets and/or special visits by "Sly," the Nets mascot.

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Asbury Park Housing earns three national awards

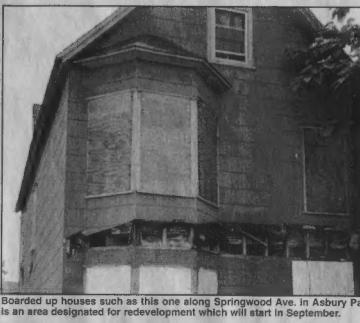
ASBURY PARK — Asbury Park Housing Authority is the 1999 recipient of three National Authority of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) Merit Awards for Program Innovation, Project Design and Resident & Client Services.

"NAHRO is honored to recognize the achievements of agencies like Asbury Park Housing Authority," said NAHRO President Dennis M. Carlson. "Their commitment to improving their community through innovative programs and services should be an example to us all." Agencies such as the Asbury Park Housing Authority are making a difference by responding to the major challenges of today. They are setting standards to be followed by other agencies around the country.

The Asbury Park Housing Authority's awards are for program innovation with the implementation of the After School Tutorial Program

(A.S.T.P.) and the Job Readiness and Senior Computer Training Programs. The latter programs were implemented through a partnership with Mercy Center of Asbury Park. The third award was for Project Design in conjunction with renovation of Asbury Park Village.

The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials is a 65 year-old professional membership organization of housing and community development officials throughout the United States who administer HUD programs at the local level. Its membership, numbering 9,000, has long participated in the development and promulgation of national housing and community development policies and programs. Asbury Park Housing Authority has stated it is proud to be a member of NAHRO and very appreciative of the awards recognizing the hard work of staff and management.



Boarded up houses such as this one along Springfield Ave. in Asbury Park is an area designated for redevelopment which will start in September.

Whitman teeters on authorizing child-proof guns

TRENTON — Assembly Democratic Leader Joseph V. Doria Jr. and Senate Democratic Leader Richard J. Codey today urged Governor Whitman to call a special legislative session so lawmakers can decide whether to authorize a statewide referendum establishing a mandate for sales of personalized handguns in New Jersey.

Assembly Democrats said Whitman should aggressively engage the issue of a "child-proof" handguns referendum because both Assembly Speaker Jack Collins and Senate President Donald DiFrancesco are refusing to let the public decide the issue. Democratic Assemblyman Tom Smith, of Englewood, Ken Zita and Reid Cecilia proposed the non-binding referendum at a July 21 press conference. Their measure would have to be enacted by August 24 to be placed on the ballot.

"Once again the Republicans are trying to make a political issue out of what is important to New Jersey families," said Doria (D-Bayonne). "The people of this state deserve the opportunity to cast votes on mandating 'child-proof' guns."

Specifically, the referendum would ask voters: "Should legislation be enacted to require that within 5 years only personalized 'child-proof' handguns (those which are capable of being fired only by their owners) may be sold by firearms dealers in this state? The answer is 'yes' or 'no'." The vote would be able to tell Legislators whether to require safer guns in New Jersey.

The referendum would not change the Constitution but would change laws as well as opinion indicators to show the people of New Jersey how the legislature allows the people feel about enacting gun-safety laws as a means of protecting children's lives.

"The Republican party is allowing politics to interfere with good policy," said Doria. "The people want their children to be safe from gun violence. This mandate will provide that safety."

Codey - prime-sponsor of the "child-proof" gun legislation in the Senate - said the legislative maneuver

vering by DiFrancesco has belittled the significance of mandating personalized guns for children's safety.

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won't require childproof handguns but will only ban sales.

"Senate Republicans have tried to pass this off as gun reform, but they only appease the NRA and attempt to fool the public," Doria and Codey

questioned the motives of the Republican legislative leadership that seems more concerned with having a summer vacation than protecting New Jersey's children.

Republicans' relentless effort to put their pro-gun sympathies before children is incomprehensible," said Doria.

"Even after Gov. Whitman said she supports childproof guns, Assembly Speaker John C. Cullinan has steadfastly refused to pass the bill for a vote," Senator Codey said. "In a battle between the majority of citizens and the pro-gun special interests, the speaker sided with the special interests over citizens."

Doria said "A referendum will hopefully provide more substantial proof of the public's desire to create safer communities for their children."

"The Republican legislative leadership has delayed action on a number of important issues, from auto safety to gun safety," Senator Codey said. "We need immediate action before the events of Littleton and Jonesboro take place in New Jersey."

The child-proof gun legislation referred to in the referendum - sponsored by Senators Codey and Joseph Palau in the Senate and Assemblyman Tom Smith in the Assembly - would require guns to be outfitted in such a way as to prevent anyone but the original owner from firing the guns.

"The bill would become effective in three years if signed into law. The bill would also give the state attorney general the ability to extend the law's effective date for two additional one-year periods if the attorney general deems the technology not available for three years. This gives the legislature an ample time to further perfect and implement their child-proofing, personalized technologies."

Colt's gun president Steven Silva has said he expects to have a "Smart Gun" technology perfected within two years. But without a mandate, such child-proof weaponry may never come to fruition.

Cuts may force lay-offs in Jersey City

JERSEY CITY — In connection with the city's budget for Jersey City's Fiscal Year 2000 budget, Mayor Bret Schundler announced that State revenue sharing cuts may force Jersey City to lay-off much of its workforce.

In the seven years that he has served as Mayor, the city's budget growth has been kept far below inflation, at less than one percent a year.

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State of New Jersey has cut its inflation-adjusted revenue sharing with New Jersey's municipalities by several hundred million dollars, and cut its revenue sharing with Jersey City dramatically.

The State restored some of Jersey City's reduced State revenues for the City's Fiscal Year 1999 budget. But the Fiscal Year 2000 State budget includes cuts in revenue sharing for Jersey City's Fiscal Year 2000 budget by more than \$20 million. If a supplemental appropriation is not passed, Jersey City will find its total inflation-adjusted revenue sharing for Fiscal Year 2000 reduced by \$27.4 million from its level in 1999.

Given that Jersey City's entire current year amounts to only \$38 million, the lay-offs that will be forced by this revenue sharing cuts are significant. Indeed, almost all civilian employees who are neither statutorily required nor self-funding (through grant or fee income) will probably lose their jobs unless State revenues to Jersey City are restored.

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CityLife

High Rollin' Love Machines

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

LINDEN — You know the old saying, if a man treats his mother good then he'll be good to the lady in his life. And judging from the members of the High Rollers Motorcycle Club this saying is oh so true. Their ladies, who go by the names of Kawasaki, Yamaha and Suzuki, without a doubt, get the royal treatment. From the special made to fit bras, flashing strobe lights to shields and other little darling amenities, their lady friends are not lacking when it comes to accessories, style, and the season's most fashionable colors — electric blue, canary yellow, and vintage metallic wine.

"Anything that's got a motor is a woman," said Pierre Towns, a High Roller member referring to his Kawasaki lady love. "She's temperamental you have to care for her."

And just in case you didn't get the message — this squadron is committed with their noses wide open to the whole biker thing. Riding bikes that range in price from \$1,000 to \$10,000, while sporting protective crash helmets that cost anywhere from \$400 and up, and when they're in the mood to treat her really good, then, like the High Rollers, with a little shine to the tune of \$2,700 — too fine!

This mobile fraternal order of brothers, after realizing their undying love for motorcycles formed their own club over a year ago with a mission to uplift the community. And on Aug. 15, they will host their first annual picnic, which will take place at Memorial Park on Wood Ave. in Linden. The event, which is open to the public, will start at 1-6 p.m. And since these brothers are not about the nonsense, a fun day is expected for all. Besides good food and music, the High Rollers will present trophies in the following categories: Best Looking Sport; Best Looking Cruiser; Most Represented Club (15 or more members); Farthest Distance Club (10 or more members), and visiting clubs are asked to wear representative colors.

"We all rode together and we thought it would be cool to have a club," said president Edward Evans, 30, who has had his share of biker hits the concrete mishaps. "We're planning on giving different events, doing bus rides and we'd like to sponsor a little league club and basketball tournaments. It's a community club, we want to do things in the community."

A generation of guys who grew up riding mopeds, dirt bikes and MB 5's, the High Rollers are composed of savvy business men, auto workers, police officers, barbers, NJ Transit workers and high school coaches — along with an active roster of 19 members. They take part in area bike blessings and cookouts where they get to check out the wares of other bikers, while kickin' it and having fun. And a main event, which has become their rallying call to roll, is the sanction ride to Myrtle Beach that takes place every year over the Memorial Day weekend.

"We're trying to conquer as much as possible and to do whatever it takes to make it happen. That's what the High Rollers represent," said member Reggie Sumner, 27, who is actively pursuing a production career in the entertainment industry. "Anything that's positive, we're about it."



Kawasaki ZX11 Sport Bike



Pierre Towns



Kevin Percell



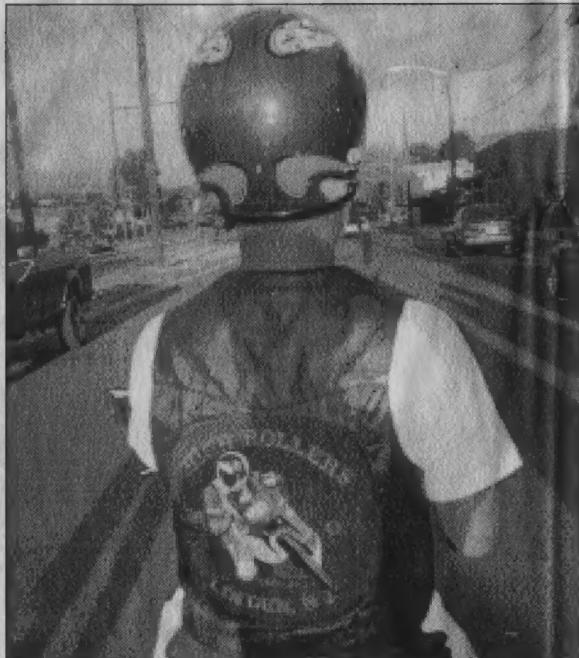
Reggie Sumner



Craig Taylor, Kevin Percell, Dale Walker, Richard Moore, Edward Evans



(From left to right) Reggie Sumner, Kevin Percell, Richard Moore, Pierre Towns



Richard Moore sports a \$550 helmet.



Black Finesse

AFRIDESIA

Unveils new work by renowned sculptor

RED BANK — Afridesia is presenting newly completed sculptures by Israel Chikumbirike, prominent Zimbabwean artist, starting August 20 thru August 29, 5-9 p.m. The public is welcome.

Visitors to Afridesia will recognize Israel Chikumbirike as the sculptor who created "The Caretaker" which serves as the centerpiece in the main floor Galerie. Afridesia's owners, William and Jeff Morris have entered into an exclusive agreement to market Chikumbirike's sculptures worldwide. Israel Chikumbirike has exhibited in South Africa, Europe, Canada and the United States.

To quote Morris, "Israel has become a personal friend. And we really take great pride in his trust in us by allowing him to have his work exhibited at Afridesia. I predict in the very near future, Israel's work will become the most sought after of all traditional African sculpture. It's not only great art, it's a great investment."

Afridesia is located at 21 Broad Street in Red Bank, New Jersey. For additional information call (732) 224-7070.

A retrospective of 30 years of the Artists-in-Residence Program

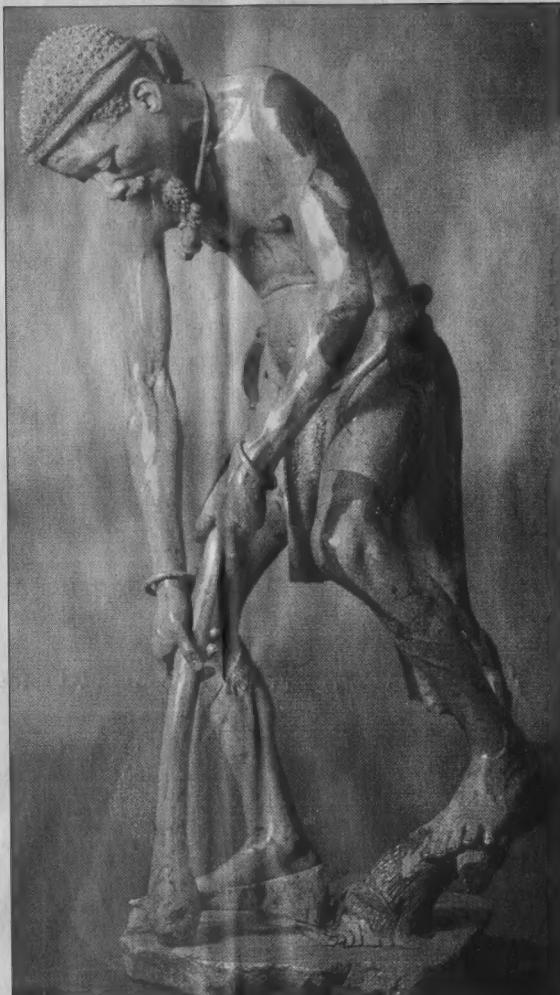
NEW YORK — The Studio Museum in Harlem will celebrate its distinguished Artists-in-Residence (AIR) program with the opening of two exhibitions: Selected Works from the Permanent Collection, an exhibition of works by former AIR program participants; and the annual exhibition, From the Studio: Artists-in-Residence 1969-1999, now open from July 28, 1999 - October 3, 1999. Together, the exhibitions explore the Museum's long and vital tradition of providing the direct and generous support necessary to bring gifted emerging artists of African descent the resources and recognition they deserve.

Originally called the Studio Program, the Artists-in-Residence Program began in 1969 as an integral part of the Museum's core educational programming, and the Museum name. AIR is a central program for emerging African-American artists and seeds both African-American and American culture, having nurtured the careers of numerous artists by providing them with a dynamic environment to develop and project their artistic voice and vision. Each year, the program offers emerging African-American artists the equivalent of materials and studio space in the Museum for one year. The Museum also presents the artists' work in an annual From the Studio: Artists-in-Residence exhibition. This year will feature three installations by each of this year's program artists: Manuel Acevedo, Xenobia Bailey, and Elisa Alba.

Manuel Acevedo's installation, Persistence of Memory, blurs the boundaries between fine art and the visual arts, popular and high art. The multi-disciplinary installation features artists' books, video and 25 "flipbooks" in which Acevedo has created a moving eulogy to his father. The "flipbooks" produce an illusion of motion when the pages are thumbed through quickly.

Elisa Alba's installation of thousands of red muslin, hard-cast and woven fibers shows a labor-intensive tribute to "woman's work" which affords many different readings.

Xenobia Bailey, a fiber artist who combines sculpture, costume, handcraft and design elements in her works, is a graduate of Pratt Institute and native of Seattle, WA. Her installation Paradise Under Reconstruction: A Cosmic Moonlodge explores the visual aesthetics of funk to draw connections between nature, environmental perception, and transformation.



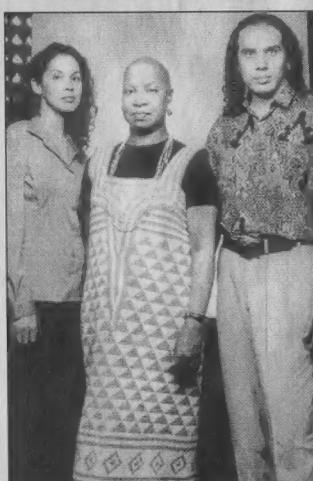
The Caretaker by Israel Chikumbirike. Now on display at Afridesia.



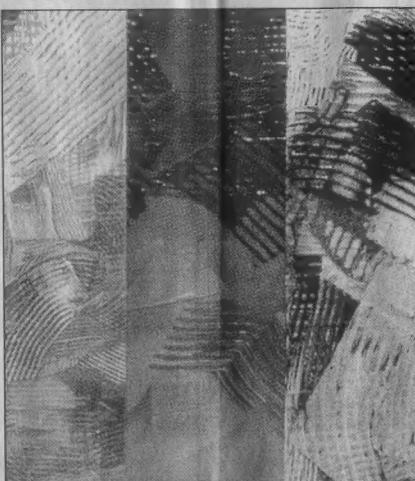
Mother and Child, 1992. Elizabeth Catlett. Wood, 67 x 16 x 15 in. (SMH).



Leaves Please Don't Let Me Fall, 1983. Amos Ferguson. Enamel on board 36x30 in. (SMH).

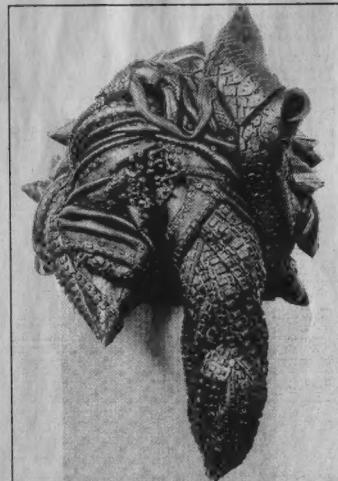


1998-1999 Artists-in-Residence, mixed media artist Elisa Alba, fiber artist Xenobia Bailey, and photographer and mixed media artist Manuel Acevedo will have their work displayed in SMH.



Photography by Becket Logan

The Awning Set, 1983. Sam Gilliam. Acrylic on fabric, mounted and constructed on wood, 50 x 49 in. (The Studio Museum in Harlem)



Repugnant Repulsion, 1995. Chakia Booker. Tires and wood, 33 x 25 x 24 in. (SMH).

Health Calendar

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

BRANCHVILLE — The Food Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at Sussex County Fair through Aug. 14. 11 a.m. (800) 688-2388.

PLAINFIELD — The Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center hosts a support group meeting for those caring for sick loved ones 7 p.m. (908) 668-2388.

JERSEY CITY — Jersey City Medical Center will hold a support group meeting for those suffering from breast cancer at the hospital's conference room 6 p.m. (201) 915-2000.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

NEW BRUNSWICK — St. Peter's University Hospital will host a support group meeting for couples sharing a pregnancy and losing an infant at the first floor cafeteria 7 p.m. (732) 745-8930.

MIDDLESEX — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at the Middlesex Borough 1 p.m. (1-800)-BLOOD-NJ.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

WAYNE — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at Wayne General Hospital 3 p.m. (1-800)-BLOOD-NJ.

MONTCLAIR — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at Yogi Berra Stadium, located on the campus of Montclair State University 5 p.m. (973) 642-5000.

UNION — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at Union Hospital 3 p.m. (800)-BLOOD-NJ.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

NEWARK — University Family Practice Center at Vailsburg holds a free health fair 10 a.m. (973) 972-1025.

WAYNE — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at Wayne General Hospital 11 a.m. (800)-BLOOD-NJ.

MONTCLAIR — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at the Montclair Public Library 11 a.m. (973) 642-5000.

PLAINFIELD — The American Red Cross of Greater Union County & Plainfield Area will hold a blood drive at the First United Methodist Church 9 a.m. (908) 756-6414.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

HENTTW — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at Queen of Peace School 8:30 a.m. (908)-BLOOD-NJ.

EAST HANOVER — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at the Home Depot Center 9 a.m.

KEARNEY — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Church 10 a.m. (1-800)-BLOOD-NJ.

MONDAY, AUGUST 16

TEANECK — Holy Name Hospital hosts a support group meeting for families who have experienced the death of a baby after birth.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Health Center (PHC) hosts its Pediatric Health Fair 1 p.m. (908) 753-6401.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

PLAINFIELD — The Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center hosts a support group for those living with hemodialysis 7 p.m. (908) 668-2348.

RAPATAN — Brain Injury Support Group of Somerset-Hunterdon County vicinity will meet at the Central Jersey Neurobehavioral Institute 7 p.m. For info or directions call 908 725-8877.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

FANWOOD — Contact We Care hosts its fourth Annual Road Race Fund-Raiser for Kids at AllGrade Park 6 p.m. (908) 654-1985.

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Health Center (PHC) hosts "Walk-in Immunization Day" a day of free immunizations to children of all ages 9 a.m. (908) 753-6401.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

BELLEVILLE — Olas Mease Medical Center hosts the grand opening of its newly renovated pediatric unit 6:30 p.m. (973) 450-2768.

PLAINFIELD — The Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center will offer free blood pressure screenings 4 p.m. (908) 668-2355.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

JERSEY CITY — The Jersey City Medical Center will hold a support meeting for those surviving breast cancer at the hospital's conference room 6 p.m. (201) 915-2273.

HeartBeat

The amazing Dr. Benjamin S. Carson

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer



Dr. Benjamin Carson

A blessing disguised as a neuro surgeon. That's what Dr. Benjamin S. Carson, Sr. is to the world of medicine. Again, Carson has used his intricate gift in the area of surgery to sustain life—that of 15-year-old Amber Ramirez of Lincoln, NE. Remember, he made headlines with the name for himself back in the '80s when he successfully separated Siamese twins, who were joined at the head.

Ramirez, who was diagnosed with Rasmussen's syndrome, which is a rare disease that causes destroying brain tissue, survived a 12-hour operation in which Carson removed the damaged left side of her brain, which controls speech and motor movement at Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore.

Without the operation, which is known as a Hemispherectomy, Ramirez would have risked possible mental retardation, paralysis and death to walk within a year stated Carson. It is expected that the right half of his body will take over with the functions once controlled by the left side. Carson also reported that Ramirez, opened her eyes and grabbed his hand when she was awakened from the surgery.

Carson, who is a native of Detroit was once a football player with a short career. In a video about his life, Carson tells a story about how he almost took the life of another boy. He credits his interest in the field of medicine for putting him on the right path and possibly even saving his own life.

Today he is a pediatric neurosurgeon.

Carson is also an associate professor of plastic surgery, neurosurgery, oncology and pediatrics at Johns Hopkins University's School of Medicine. He is also the author of *Gifted Hands* and *Thinking Big*.

Indeed, he's made a difference in the lives of many.

For the past 10 years, Carson has been a professor of neurosurgery at the University of Michigan.

He is also the director of the Pediatric Neurosurgery Program at the University of Michigan.

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Date: Thurs., Aug. 19
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Performer: Line Drive

Date: Thurs., Aug. 26
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Performer: Jazz Lobsters

Be "Fortunate" enough to see Maxwell

Columbia Records soul star Maxwell's summer heat streak continues. After topping the R&B singles chart for 8 weeks with his single "Fortunate" — a record for this year — his long anticipated Live '99 tour is off to an incredible start as dates across the country are selling out.

Opening night in Houston (August 6) sold out in less than 15 minutes, an additional night was added (August 8) and sold out in an hour.

Tickets to the New Yorker's first two home town shows at the Theatre at Madison Square Garden (Sept. 10 & 11) were gone within one hour of their July 16 on-sale date. Tickets for an additional show are on-sale now.

In Washington DC, where the singer is also immensely popular, two shows at Constitution Hall sold out in less than an hour (Sept. 3 - 4); another show went on sale that night and sold out (Sept. 5) and a fourth (Sept. 6) was added the next day and also sold out.

Oakland, CA's August 11 & 12 show were gone in less than an hour.

Maxwell's last tour in the summer of 1997 gave notice to critics and fans that not only had an important new voice arrived, but that it could deliver.

The Houston Chronicle wrote thus: "Few new artists would be able to duplicate an audience the way Maxwell did. Maxwell was in control" while the Dallas Morning News said, "He did it all with the unbridled passion of a true artist. That can't be faked."

And, in the Washington Post, Richard Harrington exclaimed, "Maxwell's silky vocals were riveting. He controlled the stage with the charisma and grace of past masters like Jackie Wilson, James Brown and Earth, Wind & Fire. He was in control, of course, and the adventure is just beginning."

The Maxwell Live '99 tour is presented by HBO Zone Freedom of Speech Sight and Sound, promoted by Maggie Johnson Productions and sponsored by Black Enter-

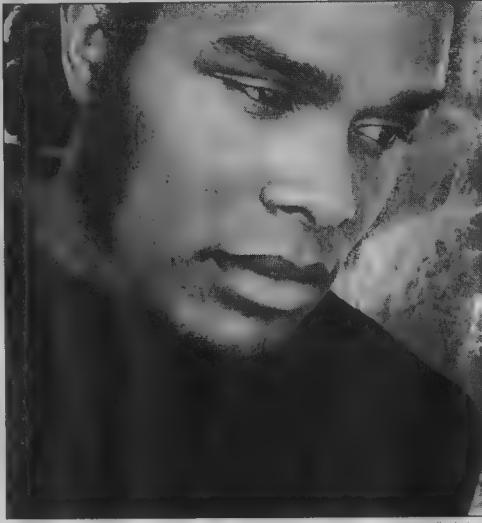


Photo by Kim Andreoi

Maxwell is off to an incredible start with his Live '99 tour, which will be hitting Madison Square Garden on September 10 and 11.

ainment Television. Updated information dates can be found at regarding venues, dates and ticket sale www.maxwelllive99.com www.musze.com

Get back to nature with Earth, Wind & Fire



Earth, Wind & Fire will be on tour, co-headlining with Barry White, appearing at the Jones Beach Amphitheatre on September 11.



Thirty years after Maurice White first sowed the seeds of Earth, Wind & Fire's creation back in 1969, the group's groundbreaking fusion of bluesy, soulful jazz and R&B — spiced with Latin rhythms, African folklore, and Western classical nuances — has never sounded better than it does today.

From the band's ground-

breaking 1975-1976 period come two of EW&F's most enduring studio albums. That's the Way of the World and All 'N All, the first live album of their career, Gratitude, and their first collection of hits and signature album tracks, The Best of Earth, Wind & Fire Vol. 1.

All four have been digitally remastered and are in stores

now. The latest expanded editions (with multiple bonus tracks and newly-commissioned liner notes on each) in the Rhythm & Soul Series of Columbia/Legacy is a division of Sony Music.

The restoration was overseen at Sony Music studios in New York by reissue producer Leo Sacks, now in his fourth year of supervising the Rhythm & Soul Series, and by engineer Mark Wilder. These expanded editions on EW&F join a multitude of critically-hailed restoration projects successfully undertaken by Legacy on an eclectic range of post-R&B soul folkies' recordings, including Aretha Franklin, Dave Brubeck, the Byrds, Johnny Cash, Miles Davis, Bob Dylan, Duke Ellington, Carole King, Ted Nugent, Lou Donald Wright III, and many others.

Each of these multi-platinum EW&F albums contains previously unreleased bonus tracks, ranging from the "Original Stories" included in The Way of the World, to the "Live Bonus Medley" comprising four songs heard at the end of Gratitude.

Special attention is directed to the "Earth, Wind & Fire Mega Mix 2000" on The Best of, a state-of-the-art, turn-of-the-millennium sound experience in two versions, "Maurice & Leo's Mega Mix 2000" and "KTU Mega Mix 2000."

Maxi Priest hitting fans with a "CombiNation"

LOS ANGELES — Virgin Records reggae/pop titan Maxi Priest will make a much-anticipated return to America's concert stages later this summer, as he embarks on a series of nationwide tour dates in support of his upcoming album CombiNation.

He kicked off with an August 5 show in Seattle, Washington, the tour dates will continue across the U.S. through early autumn.

The tour announcement came as Priest was awaiting the worldwide release of his new album CombiNation.

The new album's

arrival was heralded by the debut single/video "Mary's Got A Baby."

The track pairs Priest with reggae's hottest toaster (and Priest's next Virgin labelmate) Beenie Man, who joined Priest in director Kevin Bray's video.

"Mary's Got A Baby" also reunites Priest with producer Robert Livingston, who earlier produced reggae/rapper Shaggy's multi-platinum smash album Boombastic and the hit song "That Girl" performed by Priest and Shaggy.

Priest's CombiNation — his seventh for Virgin — marks a new mile-

stone in an astonishing career which has seen him release a slew of world-wide hits, including the 1990 smash "Close To You" which hit No. 1 on America's Billboard pop chart.

Throughout his career, Priest has embraced pop, reggae, and R&B influences in his hitmaking musical style.

All those themes will be showcased during his upcoming tour dates.

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Photo by Hideo Oida

The original "cool" cruise is back for a 12th star-studded season. "Live Jazz Thursdays" will include two shows: 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., \$30-\$35. Great Music all week. Live Alva Blues Tuesdays, Live Jammin' 105 Wednesdays and DJ Dance Fridays and Saturdays. For more information call (212) 630-8888 or e-mail at www.seaportmusiccruises.com Located at Pier 16, South Sea Seaport

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September 16
Performer
Jeff Lorber

September 23
Performer
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

NEW YORK — The jazzmobile featuring Donald Harrison rides into the Ulysses S. Grant National Memorial, part of the Harlem Jazz and Music Festival. 7 p.m. (212) 862-8700.

ATLANTIC CITY — The Atlantic City Historical Museum hosts an exhibit entitled "Stampin' at the Shore: African American's at Leisure in Atlantic City." 10 a.m. (609) 927-6521.

NEW YORK — WOOG-FM (98.7 KISS) presents its "Free Lunchtime Jazz Concert" at the World Trade Center Austin Tobin Plaza. Starring singer Angelia Botti, 12 p.m. (212) 414-1019.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

NEW YORK — WRKS-FM (98.7 KISS) presents its "Free Friday's" at the World Trade Center Austin Tobin Plaza. Starring Silk and funk band Slave, 12 p.m. (212) 352-5758.

NEWARK — The City of Newark Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs presents West Indian singer Valerie Adams & Dimensions at Military Park, part of the Friday Evening Swing Concert Series. 5:30 p.m. (973) 733-6454.

NEWARK — The Newark Downtown District and the Newark Municipal Corporation present "Viva Newark" and the Platinum II Jazz Band at Military Park, part of the Sweet City Summer Lunchtime Concert Series. 12 p.m. (973) 739-1800.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

NEW YORK — Harlem Week Jazz and Music Festival presents a poetry and musical concert featuring Roy Ayers and Jessica Care More at the Marcus Garvey Amphitheater. 4:30 p.m. (212) 582-8477.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

NEW YORK — Harlem Week Jazz and Music Festival presents a Caribbean Musical Showcase featuring the Mighty Sparrow at the South Street Seaport Pier. 6 p.m. (212) 732-7678.

VERONA — The Essex County Park System presents the United States Military Academy Band at the Verona Park, part of the Essex County Free Summer Concert Series. 7:30 p.m. (973) 268-3500.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

NEW YORK — WOOG-FM (101.9) presents its "Free Lunchtime Jazz Concert" at the World Trade Center Austin Tobin Plaza. Starring guitarist Earl Klugh, 12 p.m. (212) 414-1019.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

NEW YORK — WRKS-FM (98.7 KISS) presents its "Free Lunchtime Jazz Concert" at the World Trade Center Austin Tobin Plaza. Starring singer Jon Lucien, 12 p.m. (212) 352-5758.

NEWARK — The City of Newark Division of Recreation & Cultural Affairs presents Spirit of Life Ensemble Choir at Military Park, part of the Friday Evening Swing Concert Series. 5:30 p.m. (973) 733-6454.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

NEW YORK — Lincoln Center's "Out-of-Doors Festival" presents the New York Baroque Dance Company. Call (212) 875-5048 for time and information.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

IRVINGTON — D-N-D Productions and Berman Entertainment hosts a CD release party for songwriter Dani at Klub Khayyam. 9 p.m. 1-(888)-709-BEPP (2337).

NEW YORK — Lincoln Center's "Out-of-Doors Festival" presents tribute concert to John Coltrane and Reggie Workman. Call (212) 875-5046 for time and information.

NEWARK — The Newark Downtown District and the Newark Municipal Corporation presents "Viva Newark" and the Blues Band at Military Park, part of the Sweet City Summer Lunchtime Concert Series. 12 p.m. (973) 733-6454.

NEWARK — The City of Newark Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs presents R&B singer Loni Youngblood at Military Park, part of the Friday Evening Swing Concert Series. 5:30 p.m. (973) 733-6454.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

MILLVILLE — The Gallery of American Craft at Wheaton Village hosts an art exhibit and sale of entertaining crafts. 10 a.m. (609) 625-6860.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) presents Jay Leno live, with music from the Second Anniversary Gala, celebrating NJPAC's

A first: The Source Hip-Hop Awards on UPN 9

The biggest stars in the hip-hop universe converge for The Source Hip-Hop Music Awards - the first-ever awards show dedicated to hip-hop music to air on network television.

Performers include Sean "Puffy" Combs, Busta Rhymes, DMX, Juvenile, Master P, Snoop Dogg, Nas, and Outkast.

Presenters include Will Smith, Lauryn Hill, Mike Tyson, Chris Tucker, Mekhi Phifer, Tyrese, and Tyra Banks. Host: supermodel Tyra Banks. 10 p.m. (973) 733-6454.

Rookie of the Year Vince Carter, Sacramento Kings' star Chris Webber, New Jersey Nets' star Stephon Marbury, Philadelphia 76ers' star Allen Iverson.

Special award recipients include Russell Simmons (Lifetime Achievement Award), Shaggy O'Neal (The Source Spokesperson of the Year Award), Grandmaster Flash (Pioneer Award), Kool DJ Herc (Pioneer Award), Afrika Bambaataa (Pioneer Award).

The event will take place on Wednesday, August 18th at The Pantages Theatre, Hollywood and air on UPN on Friday, Aug. 20 (8-10 p.m.).



Photo by Andre Murray



Busta Rhymes



Photo by Jonathon Mannion



Shaquille O'Neal

Is "The Sixth Sense" a gift or a burden?



(Top) When child psychologist Dr. Malcolm Crowe (Bruce Willis, right) eventually realizes the extraordinary truth about Cole Sear (Haley Joel Osment, left), his consequences awaken them both, to something inexplicable. (Left) Too young to understand his purpose, Cole is frightened by his normal powers.

Home Box Office's new release, "The Sixth Sense" is a chilling, psychological thriller. Eight-year-old Cole Sear (Haley Joel Osment) is haunted by a dark secret: he is visited by ghosts.

A reluctant channel, Cole is frightened by visitations from those he believed dead or from others who appear from the shadows. Confused by his paranormal powers, Cole is too young to

understand his purpose and too afraid to tell anyone about his anguish, except child psychologist Dr. Malcolm Crowe (Bruce Willis).

As Dr. Crowe tries to uncover the ominous truth about Cole's supernatural abilities, the consequences for client and therapist are a jolt that awakens them both to something harrowing and unexplainable.



Photo by Ron Phillips

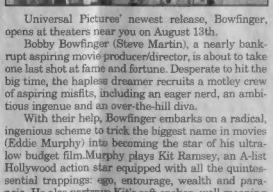
Murphy heading to the big screen again



Photos by Zada Rosenthal



(Above) Eager nerd Eddie Murphy as Jiff Ramsey and ambitious starlet Daisy, played by Heather Graham are two of the leading players in Bowfinger's radical scheme. (Right) Steve Martin and Eddie Murphy team up for the first time in Universal Pictures new release, "Bowfinger."



Universal Pictures' newest release, Bowfinger, opens at theaters near you on August 19th.

Bobby Bowfinger (Steve Martin), a nearly bankrupt aspiring movie producer/director, is about to take one last shot at fame and fortune. Desperate to hit the big time, the hapless dreamer recruits a motley crew of aspiring misfits, including an eager nerd, an ambitious ingenue and an over-the-hill diva.

With their help, Bowfinger embarks on a radical, ingenious scheme to make his name in movies (Eddie Murphy) into becoming the star of a ultra-low budget film. Murphy plays Kit Ramsey, an A-list Hollywood action star equipped with all the quintessential trappings: ego, entourage, wealth and paranoia. He also portrays Kit's soft-spoken, well-meaning and somewhat dim-witted brother, Jiff. Kit is the central figure in a movie he doesn't know he's in.

Murphy elaborates, "People in bad outfits, spewing crazy dialogue, come out of nowhere and accost him. Not knowing they're actors, you can see why he might lose his mind. It's a very funny premise," or maybe even a Truman wannabe.

The Pan African Film Festival is now accepting submissions

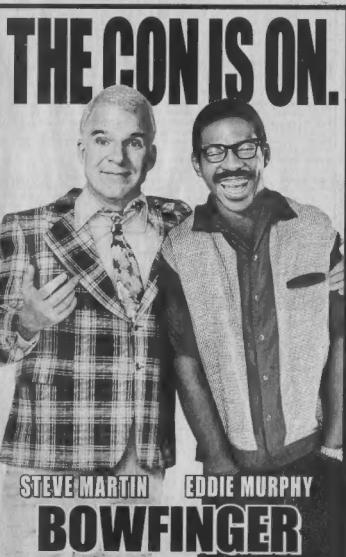
The Pan African Film Festival (PAFF) is currently accepting film and video submissions and art applications. The deadline for film submissions is October 31, 1999.

The artist applications must be received by October 31, 1999. Applications for the festival's art show, contact Ayana Babu, Executive Director, PAFF at P.O. Box 2418 Beverly Hills, CA 90213, or phone at (323) 295-1706 and fax at (323) 295-1952. Hit the web site at www.paff.org or e-mail them at lapaff@ao.com. There is no entry fee for films.

The Festival will accept some 75 films and video submissions, including feature and short films. Formats will include 35mm, 16mm and video from the United States, Africa, Europe, the Caribbean, Latin America, South America, Canada and the South Pacific.

In addition, space is available for 75 fine artists and crafts people. Film and artwork must be made by or about people of African descent.

The festival will be held February 10, 2000 through February 20, 2000 at the Magic Johnson Theatres and the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza in Los Angeles.



STEVE MARTIN EDDIE MURPHY
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Barry Sanders ran, dodged and walked the walk

When I first heard that Detroit Lions superstar Barry Sanders had announced his retirement, at first I dismissed the news as a fail aggressive way to initiate a trade. I reasoned that there was no way an athlete could seriously walk away from a team and the opportunity to shatter one of the National Football League's most cherished records — Walter Payton's all-time career rushing record. However, after further consideration, I quickly realized to assume that such a gesture of act would enter into Sanders' decision is not to know Sanders.

In truth, not too many people know Sanders the individual for he is known for strenuously protecting his privacy. Sanders doesn't accomplish this by being aloof or forbidding in his interactions with others. In fact, Sanders is very simply a man of few words. But I learned a long time ago that men of few words are not necessarily synonymous with men of few thoughts. And Barry Sanders is definitely not a man of few thoughts.

Sanders decision last week to walk away from football is considered a reflection of the emotional characteristics which he has exhibited throughout his career such as intense pride and toughness, unyielding selflessness and an independence of thought, which is evidence of a healthy disregard of conventional wisdom. Clearly, Sanders has not have been a natural athlete as he has, had he not been tough and filled with pride. Considered undersized coming out of Oklahoma State University at 5'8", Sanders confounded naysayers and critics by becoming the first running back in NFL history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season for 10 consecutive years.

The fact that he is particularly impressive when you consider the fact that for 10 straight years, the Lions have essentially been a one trick pony. Year after year, Sanders has represented the Lions main threat to opposing defenses. And despite facing complex schemes to stop him, Sanders somehow always found ways to make ESPN's Sportscenter highlights at the expense of a few hapless defenders. Want proof of his utter lack of ego, look no further than a game earlier in his career when Sanders was embroiled in a battle to secure a single season rushing title. In the final quarter of the game of the year, Sanders, trailing just 11 yards from his first rushing title refused to reenter the game for the purpose of collecting those 11 mea yards.

With regard to Sanders' independence of thought, look at the business professionals he surrounds himself with. Sanders' agent, attorney, manager and his CIA-like bodyguards are all working and African American. Coming out of college over 10 years ago, it was nearly unheard of for a Heisman Trophy winner to surround himself with black professionals. Sanders did, and his decisions have paid off handsomely as Sanders is one of the highest paid players in NFL history and enjoys some of the most lucrative endorsement relationships in sports. Sanders decision to help prompt other professional athletes to follow suit and now players such as Penny Hardaway, Chris Webber, Deion Sanders, Keyshawn Johnson and last year's Heisman Trophy winner, Eddie George, all have black advisors. So although you might not see him trumpeting this fact at an Urban League or NAACP event anytime soon, Sanders walks the walk without talking the talk — not vice-versa. As a consequence, when he does talk, as when he announced his retirement last week, he should be taken at his word.



Gregory Moore

A showdown at Sherwood: Tiger on top of his game in match play

THOUSAND OAKS, CA (AP) — Great start, rocky finish. That made David Duval a loser to Tiger Woods in golf's first appearance on network television in prime time. Playing not far from where he grew up, Woods overcame a sluggish start and dominated the par-3 holes to beat Duval 2 and 1 in the "Showdown at Sherwood," a recently made-for-television match-play competition. It was nothing more than an exhibition match but the world's top ranked golfers were paid very well for their three-plus hours of work. Woods earned \$1 million, while Duval collected \$400,000. Each will donate \$200,000 to charity, including the one each player chose. "I think it's great," Woods said. "It's either fun or pressure. It certainly wasn't evident, although neither was at his best. At a time where the pressure perhaps should have been on, Woods and Duval were giggling like schoolchildren as they chatted while walking down the 15th fairway. Woods led 1-up at the time.

"I approached the match that David and I are good friends, and were going to come out here and put on a good show," Woods said. "I think it's a wonderful concept."

So is this the start of something new?

I hate to say it, but it's basically up to the rating," Woods said. "How high the rating goes, that's basically it was. The great thing about match play is I was down early. I knew I could come back. It's a game of momentum. The momentum changes, it's like the NBA or football, when a team gets on a roll, they get all pumped up."

Woods, who has won three times and has finished no worse than seventh since his post-Masters "break," is No. 1 in the world rankings — a position Duval previously held by becoming the first player in 25 years to win four times before the Masters.

A rivalry?

"Not yet," Woods said. "We haven't gone head to head yet." Not only that, Woods and Duval have been paired together only one other time, in the third round of the World Series of Golf last year, a tournament Duval went on to win.

When Tiger turned pro in '96, golf became cool not a dorky game, he said. The match was attended by about 2,000 fans.

TIGER'S FAME A FACTOR ON URBAN LINC'S

Students from John F. Kennedy School in Newark will travel to Galloping Hills Golf Course in Kenilworth to play golf on a nine-hole course, and then follow out a full round of golf on an 18-hole course at Weequahic Golf Course.

The students, who include Kalif Irving, Kaseem Garner, Kyle Coleman, Lee Brown, Sharon Wallace, Heather Coleman, Robin Smith, Latoya Ebbs and Brian Holt have been trained in golf terms, etiquette and techniques and have traveled to Crescent Golf Range for practice sessions. Professional golf instructor Al Lester, of Park Golf Academy provided a full swing consultation for the students and prepared them for playing on a nine-hole course.

WEEQUAHIC PARK ASSOCIATION

The Weequahic Park Association, Inc. will hold its Third Annual Golf Tournament on Sept. 19. Last year's event was filled with a field of golfers, who enjoyed a full day of golf, prizes and entertainment.

The tournament is held to support the efforts of the association to restore Weequahic Park as a place not only for golf but as a location to enjoy a host of activities suited to the individual or family. Come out and support this worthwhile cause. For additional information telephone (973) 642-7850.

Isiah Thomas purchases the CBA

PHONIX — NBA great Isiah Thomas recently purchased CBA Basketball Association for about \$10 million. He plans to reorganize the league. "The CBA has always had a potential for success," he said. "But I look forward to helping the league realize its full potential." Thomas, who led the Detroit Pistons to NBA titles in 1989 and 1990, is a former co-owner and general manager of the Toronto Raptors. He originally wanted to buy an expansion CBA team in New Detroit. The discussions led to the market where his company, Isiah International, acquired the entire league, which includes the Idaho Stampede franchise in Nampa. "We are always looking at sports and entertainment properties," Thomas said on Tuesday during a conference call confirming the purchase. "This is a great and a good market with tremendous opportunity." Thomas anticipates no immediate changes in the league structure but he hopes to add teams and establish affiliations between CBA and NBA clubs. The CBA's nine teams are organized as an association with about 40 owners. There are no teams from a single entity league, with each franchise reporting to the league. The NBA will continue to use the CBA as its developmental league and provide financial and professional support.

Class of '99 inducted into NFL Hall of Fame

CANTON, OH — Despite all his troubles and mishaps, Lawrence Taylor is recognized as one of the greatest linebackers in the NFL. The league showed its appreciation last year by inducting the New York Giant into the Hall of Fame. Taylor was joined by running back Eric Dickerson, wide receiver Ozzie Newsome, Tom Mack and Billy Shaw. Taylor, known to many as

"LT," played for the Giants from 1981-85, where he won two championships and the respect of all New York sports fans. He was voted Rookie of the Year in 1980 and won several Defensive Player of the Year awards with "Big Blue." With all of his accomplishments on the field, Taylor has battled a lot of personal problems — several incidents stemming from drugs to paying child support.

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Rams sign Marshall Faulk to seven-year deal

By R.B. Fallstrom
AP Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Marshall Faulk never missed a day of training camp his first five NFL seasons, and he doesn't want to miss any more after ending a 12-day holdout. After signing a seven-year, \$45.1 million contract with the St. Louis Rams that makes him the highest-paid player in football, Faulk said he would stand by his word about money or skipping part of the training camp grind. He also said he is in good enough shape to play at least a few plays in Saturday's preseason opener against Oakland. Faulk has been working out under the supervision of trainer Bobby Kerses. "I'm not going to say what I need to do to stay healthy," said Faulk. "I just want you to make a couple carries," fine. On the other hand, he said nothing can prepare a player for going on the field in pads. Faulk planned to start practicing today and joked that he might "pass out." "It takes a while," he said. "Football is a fast game and I can see myself not being able to run fast. Before that last pre-season game, I want to be up to speed." Faulk was the NFL's best all-purpose back last season, rushing for 1,319 yards and catching 86 passes for the Indianapolis Colts. His total of 2,227 yards rushing and receiving was the sixth-highest total in league history, and in five seasons he has finished for 5,320 yards and earned two Pro Bowl invitations. He fell out of favor with Colts management, and the Rams got him for second- and fifth-round picks two days before the NFL draft in April.

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